

25, WILTON PLACE.
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My dear Gray

What do you say to the following
arrangement of Hydrophyllaceae

1 Hydrophyllae characterized by the
peculiar placentation - style 2 fid

1 Hydrophyllum & Menophila and Silene
as you have characterized them

2 Thalictrae Capsulae valvae medio
placentiferae (v. semiopteris placentas
anperentibus), Style 2. pedis v. indivisus

3 Thalictra (including Eutrocha Comanthus
Whittaria and Microgenety)

4 Comanthus

5 Heperochiron

6 Toxicaria

7 Romanovia

8 Anemone (including Miltaria)

9 Draperia

10 Codon

3. Sameae Capsulae of Thalictrae Style 2

11. 12. 13. Erodium and Wama

The original list lists
the species with 2 fid
Anemone floriflora

Cuscutaceae,
4. *Hydroclea* Capsula valva, placentae
repto adnatas liberantes. (Meyer)

15. *Hydroclea* *nitens*

I am not quite sure about *Drapacum*
for we have no ripe capsules but though
quite I called it appeared to me that
the placentae were ready to part so as
to remain attached with the semisepals
to the valves as in *Nama*

In *Wigandia* & *Eriodactylon* I have
several times found them not quite
meeting in the centre

Cordia *Elveta* etc which I have just
done do not much concern you
present flora which has much multiplied
genera and still more species and I
cannot agree with him in acceding
orthotropous ovules to Patagonians and
Auracoma in both I find the
ovules attached near the base
at is true but laterally as in *Cordia*
Auracoma indeed very well figured

by Allenas as a *Cordia* only differs
from the *illegosa* *longiflora* in the
enormous enlargement of the calyx.

I am now going to Colima etc.

I cannot answer you just yet about
Laracha & *Witheringia* but will look
into it in a day or two as I have all
Notogonia & *Convolvulaceae* to do
before I come to Colima which may be
too late for you

Tell me your opinion about the
above arrangements of *Hydrophyllum*

Yours very sincerely,
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